

**Social Service Human Relations Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 24, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL: Acting President Wasko called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Also present were members Chen, Nielsen, Franz, Villareal, and Soglin. Staff present were Jones and Brown.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting were approved (M/S Nielsen, Franz) and unanimous.

3-A. JOINT WORK SESSION W MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: The regular SSHRB meeting time in June does not fit the schedule for the Mayor and Council, and the City Clerk has asked staff if a June 12 meeting date is acceptable. Acting President Wasko mentioned June 12 is also a school board meeting, but she could make it work. (M/S Wasko, Franz) Motion to ask Clerk to poll Council members for June 12, at 7: p.m. and unanimous.

3-B. 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2007 GOALS: Board reviewed the Board charter, goals and duties. Wasko began dialog regarding the changes in Board members, and how rearranging workgroups could be considered. She further stated that with the finalized needs assessment, new Board members, and new staff person the Board should take this opportunity to determine future Board priorities and perhaps reconfigure work workgroups.

The group discussed the history of the Family Services Workgroup. Member Franz provided an overview of the Smart Healthy Babies (SHB) program, explaining that it started as a workgroup and later became a non-profit. In turn, a new workgroup was founded called the Child Care Workgroup (CCW). The CCW later became the Family Services Workgroup (FSW). Wasko stated the Family Services Workgroup has successfully accomplished the goal of including childcare policies in the Northern Waterfront General Plan Amendment. Now, the FSW is assessing whether there are clear needs and community energy for continuing the workgroup. Member Nielson reminded the group of parenting support findings in the Needs Assessment.

Member Chen stated that the ATAH group seems to be experiencing a similar transition. He stated that although ATAH did not become a non-profit like SHB, the community has adopted the message. Options for ATAH's future were discussed, including locating ATAH under the umbrella of the Assessment and Awareness workgroup so it wouldn't dissolve and could be regenerated if there was a need. Members discussed ATAH's history as a reactive group. Member Villareal discussed his interest in crafting ATAH into a more proactive group, focused on increasing tolerance.

Member Franz discussed the "My People Are," film viewed at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Alameda Services Collaborative meeting. The film focuses on the experiences of Mixed Race youth and generated much positive discussion. Member Franz suggested that perhaps the focus should be about issues with kids and hate. There was discussion on whether the FSW and ATAH should combine.

Member Villareal stated he was contacted by youth members of Out on the Island (OOTI). He was very impressed by the positive self-image the young people have.

There was discussion around health and dental issues being a priority based on the Need's Assessment findings. Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker's office is hosting forums on health issues. It was agreed that the health care meeting from Lai-Bitker's office was very informative and education is a great tool in helping people stay healthy. They found the information Dr. Iton (Director

of Public Health for Alameda County) being very useful reframing of health issues. He frames health issues by defining healthy communities (communities with parks, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, etc).

Member Nielsen would like more information on how this Board can work on transportation issues surrounding health care, specifically getting to and from health services.

Member Franz mentioned his continued work with Disaster Prevention and Preparedness.

Edits and additions were made to the draft 2006 accomplishment list. The draft off-agenda should include language that explains that the Board has been revitalized with new members and the Needs Assessment. The Sister City workgroup is moving forward on the continued efforts in preparing a delegation for a visit to Wuxi, China. The Family Services Work group and ATAH are assessing further need and focus during the transition of members and workgroups.

Motion to add and edit the draft accomplishments of 2006, staff will draft the off agenda, and add language of the increase number of Alameda Services Collaborative meetings up to 5 per year instead of 3. M/S (Franz, Soglin) and unanimous.

3-C. JOINT WORK SESSION WITH ACCYF: Staff member Jones asked the Board if there was an interest in a joint work session with the ACCFY group. The Board expressed interest and explained that it would have to be an evening meeting. Staff will coordinate with ACCYF to determine a date. M/S (Wasko, Villareal) to invite them to the August 23, 2007 meeting, and unanimous.

### 3-D. WORKGROUP STATUS REPORTS

*Alamedans Together Against Hate* – Member Villareal stated this item was covered during 3-B.

*Assessment and Awareness Workgroup* – Member Franz reported this group has been working on identifying dental providers and dental resources for low income or under insured Alamedans.

*Family Services Workgroup* – Acting President Wasko stated this item was covered during 3-B.

*Sister City Workgroup* – Member Chen reported this group is waiting to hear from the Wuxi, China contact to confirm a date for the trip. Nancy Li, Friends of Wuxi, who has helped in organizing events, wrote a letter to the Mayor asking to recognize Chinese Independence Day with a flag raising ceremony at City Hall. He further stated he will look into this further. Other members asked if inviting someone in the Sister City community of Oakland to address the Board on human rights education in China be a good agenda item.

4. BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Member Franz mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Heroes Breakfast will be on the June 28<sup>th</sup>, and passed out nomination forms. The theme for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Parade is "Celebrating Volunteerism, " and for the first time there will be two women Grand Marshalls, Joanne Robinson and Donna Dowdell.

Staff Jones mentioned the 2-1-1 is still in the testing phase and had not yet secured its funding from all the jurisdictions in the County. At the request of City Council, Development Services staff is further reviewing the EveryOne Home Plan. The Resource Guide handout and magnets price quotes are being compiled.

Member Chen reported the Health Conference by Alice Lai-Bitker's office was a positive endeavor and was glad staff and members of the Board went.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Acting President Wasko at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

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